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Your thoughts?

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Looks good to me. I'm OK with leaving the last sentence as is. If they are not aware of the Q&A, might be good to make reference to it for further information.

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Folks:

Please see attached email chain.

I believe I may have mentioned Worcester Public Schools to you in the past. To summarize, WPS has been replacing all FLBs and is doing various window replacement projects as funds become available. They are not testing caulk, but I believe, are managing it in accordance with 40 CFR Part 761. I want to emphasize that no data has been presented to us by WPS showing PCBs > 50 ppm in caulk or other non-liquid products.

There also is a lawsuit that the teachers' union filed re: testing of WPS. There has been some agreement between WPS and the union in which indoor air will be tested at 2 schools in April. As a result there have been several news articles in the Worcester Telegram recently. We received an inquiry from a Worcester news media several weeks ago and did respond to those questions. However, additional questions have come back, one of which involves BMPs. Please see below and what our proposed response is. Given that BMPs are a part of the flow chart we are working on, I wanted to get your input on my draft response. This question was as followup to our comments that schools are not required to report BMPs to us and that we don't track these, nor are annual reports required.

Q:

-- Thank you for pointing out that some of the schools' actions are not required by the EPA. What are the repercussions, then, for not following BMPs? Is there a proactive step the EPA would/could take at a certain point (e.g., repeated poor air-testing results, public or private legal action)?

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